

Our Awesome Repayment King

When you give to Jesus or you give to someone as a manifestation of your love for Jesus, Jesus will repay and give to you in return. That's a fact!

It's similar to how when you go to the store and you give money to the salesclerk, the salesclerk then gives you the item you bought in exchange.



However, when I repay, I do better than that!



In return for the sacrifices you make, Jesus often rewards you with something special and meaningful to you that will make your sacrifice seem worthwhile in comparison. God's reward won't only be equal to how much you gave, but you will also feel contentment in your heart for having obeyed and done as Jesus asked you to.

Mark is going to love what I'm preparing for him!

You may not see the reward right away, as some blessings take a while to arrive. But it's a fact that in time, whether now or later, you will be repaid by Jesus for everything you give to Him.



Mark plays with his baby brother.

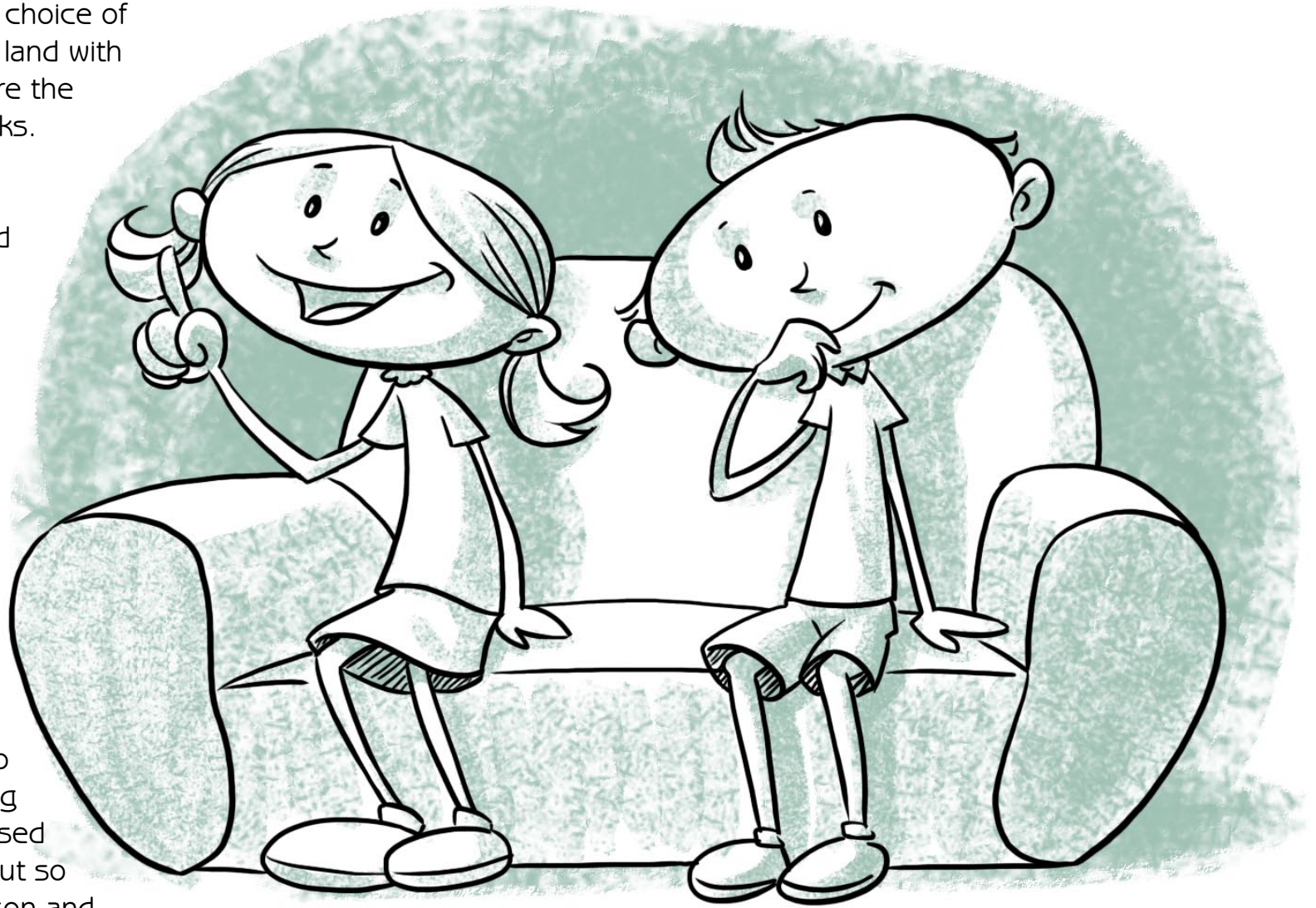
It is more blessed to give than to receive
(Acts 20:35 NKJV).

There are many examples in the Bible of people who gave to God and were blessed for it.

When they parted ways, Abraham offered Lot, his nephew, the choice of where to live. Lot chose the land with the most water, and therefore the best grazing land for his flocks. God, in turn, greatly blessed Abraham for giving what appeared to be the best land to Lot. You can read this story in Genesis 13.

Hannah, who for many years had no children, was then given a big family because she gave her first son, Samuel, to God by taking him to the temple to be trained in God's service. (See 1 Samuel 1:4–2:11, 2:21.)

The widow of Zarephath used what she thought was the last of her flour and oil to feed the prophet Elijah during a famine. In return, God caused her flour and oil to not run out so that she had plenty for her son and herself to eat, as well as to continue to feed Elijah. (1 Kings 17:7–16.)



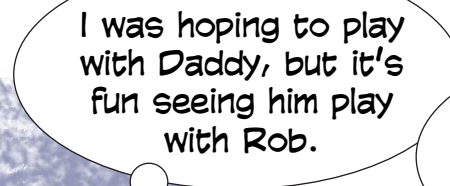
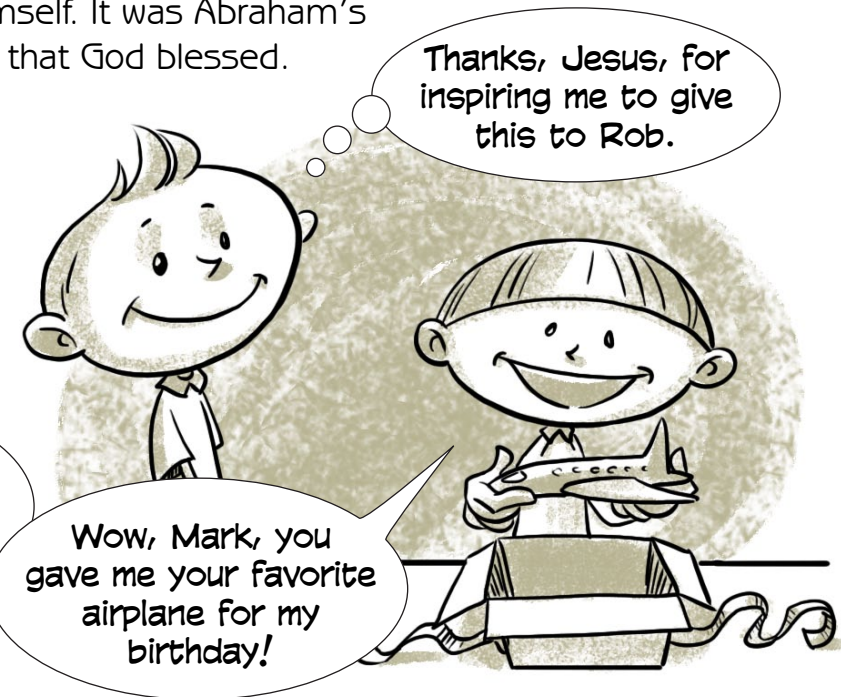
Can you think of more
stories about giving in the Bible?



An important principle of giving to God is that we do it willingly and cheerfully.

Abraham willingly offered Lot the choice of land, knowing that Lot would likely choose the best for himself. It was Abraham's faith-filled willingness to give that God blessed.

Hannah was very happy that God gave her a son, Samuel. Out of gratitude she told God that she wanted to give Samuel to God to be trained to serve Him.



The widow of Zarephath willingly gave what she thought was the last of her food because she believed what the prophet had told her.



In 2 Corinthians 9:7, the Apostle Paul tells us that God wants us to give to Him because we want to, not because we have to. As he explains, "God loves a cheerful giver" (NKJV).

Has there been a time when you struggled with giving something, and you thought about what you'd lose by giving, but then you made a decision to give and trust God for the outcome?

Think about how God saw your sacrifice in giving, as well as your cheerful willingness.

What blessings have you received recently from our awesome Repayment King?



The rewards Jesus gives you might not always come in the form or way that you think is best, but God promises to reward you bountifully.

One day I want to learn to play an electric guitar. I'm glad Jesus supplied an acoustic guitar for me to learn to play on first.



Sometimes God will reward us right away for giving, but often the blessings come later.

Yummy—I like chicken!

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over" (Luke 6:38 NIV).



And whether He gives us something we are hoping for in return or He blesses us in another way, God always blesses giving.

We can play outside!

